

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 10-58 are in the case.

I. SPECIFICATION

A new Abstract is presented based on that appearing on the front face of the underlying published PCT application WO 98/57139. No new matter is entered.

II. DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 10, 14, 15, 18-24, 27, 28, 30, 31, 37, 39, 41 and 42 stand rejected as allegedly constituting double patenting over claims 1-48 of U.S. Patent 6,406,427. Claims 11-13, 16, 17, 25, 26, 29, 32-36, 38, 40 and 43-59 stand rejected on alleged obviousness-type double patenting grounds over U.S. Patent 6,406,427. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

With reference to the same invention double patenting rejection, and without conceding to the merit of the rejection, claims 10 and 11 have been combined, with appropriate revisions to the dependencies of the remaining claims.

The claims do not constitute double patenting. Withdrawal of the same invention double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

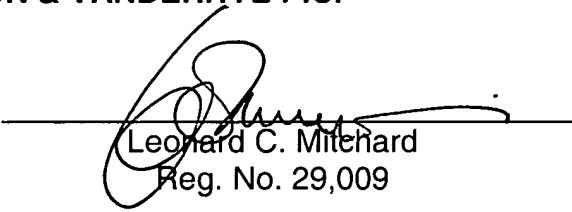
With regard to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, and without conceding to the merit of that rejection, applicants submit herewith an executed terminal disclaimer and fee. Withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is now respectfully requested.

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Allowance of the application is awaited.

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